Steams W. N.
May 7. 1870

Amherst May 7th. 1870.

Mr. Brewster.

I recd your letter this eve. and hasten to answere, I am nearly out at present but I have the following Nos. to exchange No. 76, 94, 109, 124. 135, 139, 142, 148, 155, 158, 213 (Pic. Puffs) 225, 226, 227, 233, 240, 254, 261, 270, 290 (Pod. Cypt.) (Sarras Atri) 313, 337, 358, 359, 363, 391, 399, 400, 401, 406, 415, 421, 426, 434, 465, 543, 553 (Rall. Crep) 731 (Uria Arra). But most of these are common, but should there be any here you would like like to exchange send your list and we may be able to strike a bargain, please state which (if any) you wish & what you will give for them and you will oblige me very much. Very. Respectfully Winfrid Stearns

Amherst May 16th. 1870

Mr. Brewster

Dear Sir.

I recd. your letter a while ago and hasten to answer it. I can let you have the following eggs. which are worth

No. 94	Red Headed Woodpecker	(6)	.60
" 76	Downy 8 "	(1)	.15
" 290	Titmouse	(3)	60
" 553	Clapper. Rail	(1)	20
			1.55

In ex. for the following

No 17. which John Kneider sells for 1.00

and also ~~No 148 If you can spare it~~ .20

No 448 worth .50

Yours Truly

Winfrid Stearns

Winfrid Stearns

May 16 1870

Amherst, Dec. 18th 1871

Mr. Brewster.

Dear Sir.

I have 1 specimen of 474 California Quail to trade, what have you on your trade list to trade, make me an offer, and send a list of trade eggs,

Yours truly

W. H. Stearns, jr.

Oliver W. B.
Dec 18 - '71

Amherst, Dec. 23d 1871

Mr. Wm. Brewster.

Dear Sir.

I have just rec'd. your letter — and hasten to reply. You have the following eggs that I would like:

137 - Olive-sided Flycatcher; 148 Wood Thrush (2); 183 Nashville Warbler; 197 Bay-breasted Warbler; 210 Prairie Warbler; 230 Rough-winged Swallow; 248 White-eyed Vireo; 484 Louisiana Heron; and 619 Man-of-War bird. For which I will offer you: 2 of 57 Sharp-shinned Hawk; 185 Tennessee Warbler 2 of 357 Tree Sparrow; 374 Fox-colored Sparrow 416 Bullock's Oriole; 474 California Quail; 2 of 662. Western Gull, And if you will throw in an extra 619 - I will throw in 664 Ring-billed Gull and a 576 or Mallard Duck. I had a list of your collection before, and I hastily crossed off the new ones, and I send the list back, you may want it to send to some one else.

Yours respectfully, W. A. Stearns Jr.

Storms W. A.

Dec 23 – '71.

Ornithological collection of W. Brewster
Dec. 1871

1	51	101	151	201	251	301	351	401	451	501	551	601	651	701
2	52	102	152	202	252	302	352	402	452	502	552	602	652	702
3	53	103	153	203	253	303	353	403	453	503	553	603	653	703
4	54	104	154	204	254	304	354	404	454	504	554	604	654	704
5	55	105	155	205	255	305	355	405	455	505	555	605	655	705
6	56	106	156	206	256	306	356	406	456	506	556	606	656	706
7	57	107	157	207	257	307	357	407	457	507	557	607	657	707
8	58	108	158	208	258	308	358	408	458	508	558	608	658	708
9	59	109	159	209	259	309	359	409	459	509	559	609	659	709
10	60	110	160	210	260	310	360	410	460	510	560	610	660	710
11	61	111	161	211	261	311	361	411	461	511	561	611	661	711
12	62	112	162	212	262	312	362	412	462	512	562	612	662	712
13	63	113	163	213	263	313	363	413	463	513	563	613	663	713
14	64	114	164	214	264	314	364	414	464	514	564	614	664	714
15	65	115	165	215	265	315	365	415	465	515	565	615	665	715
16	66	116	166	216	266	316	366	416	466	516	566	616	666	716
17	67	117	167	217	267	317	367	417	467	517	567	617	667	717
18	68	118	168	218	268	318	368	418	468	518	568	618	668	718
19	69	119	169	219	269	319	369	419	469	519	569	619	669	719
20	70	120	170	220	270	320	370	420	470	520	570	620	670	720
21	71	121	171	221	271	321	371	421	471	521	571	621	671	721
22	72	122	172	222	272	322	372	422	472	522	572	622	672	722
23	73	123	173	223	273	323	373	423	473	523	573	623	673	723
24	74	124	174	224	274	324	374	424	474	524	574	624	674	724
25	75	125	175	225	275	325	375	425	475	525	575	625	675	725
26	76	126	176	226	276	326	376	426	476	526	576	626	676	726
27	77	127	177	227	277	327	377	427	477	527	577	627	677	727
28	78	128	178	228	278	328	378	428	478	528	578	628	678	728
29	79	129	179	229	279	329	379	429	479	529	579	629	679	729
30	80	130	180	230	280	330	380	430	480	530	580	630	680	730
31	81	131	181	231	281	331	381	431	481	531	581	631	681	
32	82	132	182	232	282	332	382	432	482	532	582	632	682	
33	83	133	183	233	283	333	383	433	483	533	583	633	683	
34	84	134	184	234	284	334	384	434	484	534	584	634	684	
35	85	135	185	235	285	335	385	435	485	535	585	635	685	
36	86	136	186	236	286	336	386	436	486	536	586	636	686	
37	87	137	187	237	287	337	387	437	487	537	587	637	687	
38	88	138	188	238	288	338	388	438	488	538	588	638	688	
39	89	139	189	239	289	339	389	439	489	539	589	639	689	
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41	91	141	191	241	291	341	391	441	491	541	591	641	691	
42	92	142	192	242	292	342	392	442	492	542	592	642	692	
43	93	143	193	243	293	343	393	443	493	543	593	643	693	
44	94	144	194	244	294	344	394	444	494	544	594	644	694	
45	95	145	195	245	295	345	395	445	495	545	595	645	695	
46	96	146	196	246	296	346	396	446	496	546	596	646	696	
47	97	147	197	247	297	347	397	447	497	547	597	647	697	
48	98	148	198	248	298	348	398	448	498	548	598	648	698	
49	99	149	199	249	299	349	399	449	499	549	599	649	699	
50	100	150	200	250	300	350	400	450	500	550	600	650	700	

Amherst, Dec 29th 1871

Mr. Wm Brewster,

Dear Sir.

I shall send to you this afternoon 1 Box by Express containing 57 Saw-whet Owl (2 eggs) 185 Tennessee Warbler (1 egg) 357 Tree Sparrow (2 eggs) 374 Fox-colored Sparrow (1 egg) 474 California Quail (1 egg) 391 Least Bittern (1 egg) which I throw in as the Western Gulls has a larger hole than should be in a perfect egg; 662 Western Gull (1 egg) 664 Ring-billed Gull (1 egg) and 576 Mallard Duck 1 egg. Hoping you will receive them all right as they are all right now I remain &c

I am to have from you I believe (1) 137; (2) 148; (1) 183; (1) 210; (1) 230; (1) 248; (1) 483; (2) 619.

Respectfully Yours

W. A. Stearns, Jr.

Stearns W. A.

Dec. 29, '71

Amherst Jan. 3d 1872

My dear Sir.

Your letter and box came at hand this morning, I am surprised at your disclosure, I recd. a box with a great many eggs in it and a great many duplicates, among the these you mention as unidentified and wrong eggs, I had made but one other offer for some of them, but I shall immediately write and advise him of their non validity — and I assure you I am deeply mortified at finding the eggs wrongly identified, I assure you I shall take every one of these in my collection and as duplicates and break them to pieces. The California Quail was the best one I had then, & I thought as it was not discolored by the yolk it would pass, I take blame to myself there for sending that — The Tennessee Warblers egg came in the same lot as the owls, I shall smash it — The Western Gulls, came from Mr. Ferdinand Gruber of California he told me they were correctly identified — however I shall smash them — I dont blame you for feeling as you do, you dont feel a bit worse about it than I do, and as you had the express one way to pay for nothing, and lost some good trades as you say — I consider it my duty to make it good, in a few days I shall send you by

Mail some eggs that are identified to pay for it all and show you that I dont want to cheat you and also to retrieve my character, which I consider as "under bonds" until you are fully satisfied that I mean to be fair - honest - and honorable.

Hoping you will see it in its true light, and think of the fellow that sent them to me when he gets my letter, (about Saturday)

I remain Very truly Yours,

W. A. Stearns Jr.

Mr. Wm Brewster
Cambridge,
Mass.

P.S. The Ring-billed Sules egg was traded me as such but I shall smash them also - W.A.S.

W Stearns W. A.
Jan. 3 - '72

Amherst Feb 8th 1872

Mr. Brewster.

Dear Sir -

I have had no eggs for some time & expected some but they did not come, I send you by mail to day a specimen of 416 Bulleck's Circle - positive identified. I would say you are entirely welcome to it. I would like to ask, did you tell Dr. Brewer where those eggs came from that I sent you? I am now at work on a small work, and want to know if you are willing to furnish me with the cuttings & measurements of your specimen of Argyptna nuca later a Emmera Hemming of Ind, I will give you the credit

of the work? If you are willing will you do so in your next?

Yours respectfully

W. A. Stearns Jr.

Please acknowledge receipt of this.

W.A.S.

Oberlin Mich.
Feb. 8 - '72.

Amherst Feb. 13th 1872.

Mr. William Brewster.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 11th inst. I am glad the box came all right to hand. You are puzzled to know why I sent it. I make it a rule that no one shall be out at any of my trades. You were greatly disappointed, and justly - not more than myself. You had an expense to pay for nothing; I considered it just to make it in one way and another that Expense to you - taking a duplicate of 416. Bullock's Oriole which I consider quite rare I sent it to you to pay for that trouble & Expense - is it plain now? I thank you for the description of the Louisiana Emerald - My book I am keeping secret, please not mention it to anyone. It is a handbook of New England birds - descriptions and notes -

Yours very truly -

W. H. Stearns - Jr.

P.S. Mr. Howland is not collecting birds eggs now I use card trays for my Eggs - but prefer getting nests & keeping them together

Stearns W. A.
Feb. 13 - '72 -

Amherst Feb 18th 1893

Mr. William Brewster

Dear Sir -

I have duplicates of B16. Lawrence's Bobolink. 403 Red and white throated Blackbird, and 126 Arkansas Flycatcher - Identified by Dr. Brewer -

What duplicates have you to spare?

Yours very truly

W. S. Clearns Jr.

Dr. Clearns W. A.

Feb. 18 - '93

Stearns W. A. Jr
Jan. 1. 75

Amherst, Jan 1st 1875

Mr. Wm Brewster.

Dear Sir.

Have you any new facts, obtained during last year, of our New England tide that would be of interest, that I can, with your permission, and by giving my authority, add to my Mss, work on New England tides. Any additional facts to what I already have would be accepted with much gratefulness on my part and duly accredited. Do you know of any one likely to have made any interesting observations this year? Very truly Yours.

W. A. Stearns, Jr.

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Amherst, Mass.,
March 26th 1875.

Mr. William Brewster.

Dear Sir.

Would you be willing to favor me with a description and a few brief notes of *Algialitis flavirostris* var *Brewsterii*, I think I have the name correct, for my forthcomming work? Of course due credit will be given for it. I am particularly anxious to obtain every species I can, to make the subject as complete as possible. Have you any interesting notes on any water birds that you would be willing to let me use? I should be very grateful for the same. Can you refer me to any one likely to know about our water birds? Any information would be thankfully received and due credit given.

Yours very truly
W. A. Stearns, Jr.

Stearns W. N. Jr.
Mch 26 – 75

Rochester, N.Y., Nov. 18th '82.

My dear Mr. Brewster.

It is some time since I have written you, and much less seen you. Though I do so now on business rather than pleasure I should not the less like to see the old members of the Club again, of which I suppose you still retain connection. My business is this. I still retain a love for old New England and want to get back to Boston. Now is it impossible for me to get a chance in the Boston Society of Natural History to assist them and work especially in the Bird department? Or if to pursue Entomology? I would be contented with a salary of $800 or $1000 at first with prospect of working the place into something worthy & more permanent. I know this seems a childish way of putting the question, but what I mean is this. I want a place in which to work with the ultimate hope of doing something, which cannot be done outside of a museum, for the urging on of science &c. Now I think that Prof. Hyatt could work me in there, and do not believe but that I am well enough known now

for them to see that I can do good work, and now the question is if I can get the place I seek. I would give anything if I could work into the B.S.N.H. and being a member I would stand a show when others would not. Hoping that the case is fairly before you, and that it may not be impossible to rescue me from this terrible buy & sell establishment & give me a chance to continue the good work I have begun in kind I subscribe myself

Respectfully Yours
W. A. Stearns.

Please direct to W. A. Ward,
2 College Avenue,
Rochester, N.Y.

W. A. Stearns
Nov. 18, 1882

Amherst. Oct. 26th

Mr. Brewster,

Dear Sir.

I have just rec'd. yours of to day, and in return would state, that I send the Egg, at the same time with this letter.

I wish you wanted to send one of 252 in place of 423 but no matter, I take your trade as you mention it.

Yours respectfully

W. A. Stearns jr.

W. A. Stearns
Oct 26